

FROM THE RECTOR...

*"TRINITY SEASON...IS NOT SO ORDINARY"*



The length of the Trinity Season is determined by the date of Easter...the earlier the date of Easter...the longer the Trinity Season...the later the date of Easter...the shorter the Trinity Season. This year the Trinity Season has twenty-five numbered Sundays after Trinity plus The Sunday Next Before Advent (liturgically the Last Sunday after Trinity).

The Roman Catholic Church refers to the time after Epiphany until Ash Wednesday...and then again the time after Trinity Sunday until the First Sunday in Advent...as "Ordinary Time"...meaning "in numerical order". We use the word "ordinary" in common speech to mean "nothing special". Whether we call it "Trinity Season" or "Ordinary Time"...this is hardly a time of "nothing special".

The seminal *Book of Common Prayer (1549)*, our own *Book of Common Prayer (1928)* and the *Anglican Missal* follow the *Sarum Missal* in dating the remaining Sundays of the year after the Feast of the Trinity. The Sarum Rite (or Use of Sarum) was a variant of the Roman Rite in use in pre-Reformation England. Some other cathedrals (York, Hereford, Bangor, Lincoln) had their own liturgies.

In 1078, Osmund was consecrated the second Bishop of Salisbury (Old Sarum). He set about building the cathedral at Old Sarum, established a school for clergy and constituted the *cathedral body*, which included secular canons, whose job it was to carry out with great solemnity the cathedral liturgies. Osmund's greatest legacy is the Sarum Rite that became the standard liturgy throughout most of England within 100 years of his death in 1099. Osmund would recognize and approve of the Mass celebrated here at Saint Joseph Parish. Osmund was canonized in 1457 by Pope Callixtus III.

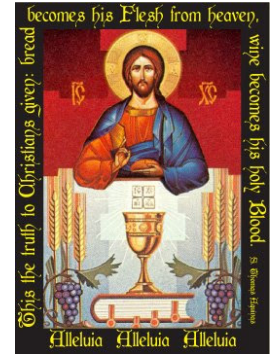
The liturgical color for Trinity Season is green...the color of growth. From Advent through Pentecost we followed the life of Jesus...we watched him grow and mature and carry out his mission of Redemption for mankind. For the next twenty-six Sundays we take what we have learned from his mission of unconditional love and apply it to our lives.

The Trinity Season can be for us an EXTRAORDINARY time for growth, maturation and spiritual introspection!

Father Craig Looney+

CORPUS CHRISTI...

Corpus Christi...is the feast celebrating the *Real Presence* of the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. The feast is liturgically celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday...or by custom transferred to the following Sunday. It has been the practice at Saint Joseph Parish to observe Corpus Christi on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday.



The celebration of Corpus Christi can be traced to the nearly 40-year work of Julianna of Liège, a 13<sup>th</sup> Century Norbertine nun, also known as Julianna de Cornillon. She was born in Liège, Belgium, c. 1192 or 1193. She belonged to a group of women who venerated the Blessed Sacrament.

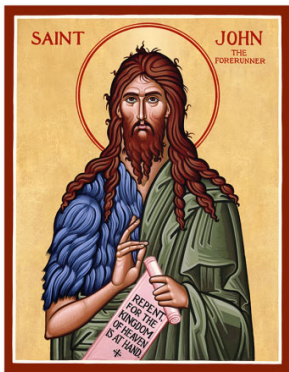
The Institution of the Holy Eucharist is observed on Maundy Thursday...the Liturgy ending in a somber preparation for Good Friday. Julianna longed for a feast day outside of Lent in honor of the Holy Eucharist. She experienced a vision in which she saw the church under a full moon with a dark spot...she interpreted the dream to mean such a joyful feast day was lacking in the church.

Julianna's vision continued for 20 years and when she shared the vision with Bishop Robert de Thorete, the Bishop of Liège, he was sympathetic to her petition to have a feast in honor of the Body of Blood of Jesus instituted. In those days the diocesan bishop could order such a feast to be observed locally...and he did. In 1246 he ordered the feast to be observed each year on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday in his diocese.

Julianna died in 1258. The Feast of Corpus Christi became a universal feast in the Western Church under Pope John XXII in 1317. Julianna of Liege was canonized in 1869 by Pope Pius IX.

We will incorporate into the Liturgy on Corpus Christi a brief Veneration of the Host immediately following Holy Communion. We will sing Hymns 199 and 200 during the Veneration.

## SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST...



Sunday 24 June is the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (*Book of Common Prayer, Pages 242-244*). We will celebrate his feast day at the regular 9:00 AM Parish Sung Mass.

John the Baptist is the precursor or forerunner of Jesus. John fulfills prophecies from Exodus, Isaiah and Malachi...his is the prophet

who would come before the Messiah...he is the voice crying in the desert telling people to get ready for his arrival.

John was an itinerant preacher who went around encouraging people to turn away from unhealthy and destructive actions and turn back to God. John's message was one of hope. He asked people to show they were serious about turning their lives around by getting baptized in the river.

Baptism in water was not something new...people saw it as a sign of starting over. But John is very clear his baptism was not sufficient to accomplish what Jesus did on the cross...permanent forgiveness of sin. John said of his baptism, "I baptize with water...but the one coming after me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (St. Matthew 3.11)

John's father, Zechariah, praised God for the birth of John:

*"You, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High God.*

*You will go ahead of the Lord to prepare his road for him, to tell his people that they will be saved by having their sins forgiven." (St. Luke 1.76-77)*

The words should be familiar...they form part of the Canticle called *Benedictus* (*Book of Common Prayer, Page 14*) read at Morning Prayer, especially during the Advent Season, when our focus is on Jesus' arrival on Christmas Day.

Saint Luke writes,

*"The child (John) grew and developed in body and spirit...he lived in the desert until the day when he appeared publicly to the people of Israel."*

John the Baptist played a pivotal role in leading people to Jesus as the promised Messiah. He was the voice calling out in the desert...

*"Get ready people...Jesus is coming!"*

## ECCE AGNUS DEI...

*Ecce Agnus Dei...Behold the Lamb of God...we hear these words spoken by the Celebrant at every Mass just before we receive Holy Communion. A question frequently asked during Discussion Group is "Why do we say these words?" Good question!*



Every word and action of the Mass is not done for its own sake, or even to accommodate the personal preferences of the priest celebrating the Mass. Every word and action is done to teach the faithful and reinforce what is happening.

The Invitation to receive Holy Communion consists of two sentences from Scripture. The first is a direct quotation from St. John 1.29 of the words spoken by John the Baptist as points to Jesus:

*"Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sin of the world."*

The second paraphrases the government official's resistance to having Jesus come to his house to heal his sick servant as recorded in St. Matthew 8.8:

*"Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed."*

We should not think of these words as additions to the Liturgy, but restorations whose use in one form or another can be traced to at least the 8<sup>th</sup> Century. So what do we learn from hearing these words at every Mass?

John the Baptist points to his cousin, Jesus, and identifies him as "the real deal", not a fake. We are reminded in hearing John's words Jesus is the ONE who accomplished what we couldn't do on our own...he took away mankind's sin once and for all.

The government official displays an act of humility...he is an important person who doesn't feel he is worthy of having Jesus come to his house to heal his sick servant...and he demonstrates profound faith in Jesus' ability to heal his servant remotely.

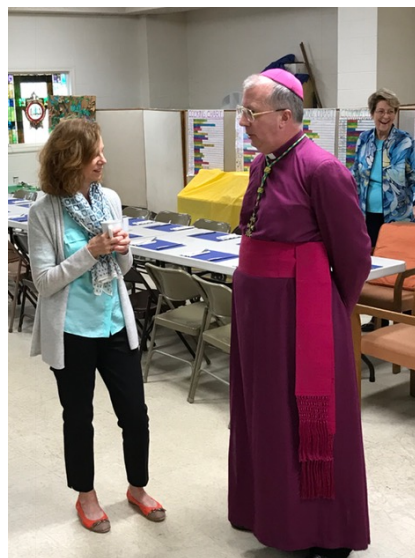
The Invitation to receive Holy Communion is "time to get serious". We acknowledge he took away our sin and we are grateful. We acknowledge will still get ourselves into messes. We don't deserve his love and forgiveness...but God reveals his love for us in showing mercy...because of his love and mercy "our souls are healed!" It is Jesus' Body and Blood we are about to receive...we should do so with both humility and gratitude.

## ARCHBISHOP HAVERLAND'S VISIT...

Whitsunday 2018 will always be remembered as a special day in the life of Saint Joseph Parish. Our Celebrant and Preacher at the 9:00 AM Parish Mass was the Most Reverend Mark Haverland, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Anglican Catholic Church-Original Province.

Following the Mass there was time for coffee and fellowship and a potluck luncheon in Young-Wheeler Hall. Included in the celebration was a great rendition of "Happy Birthday" and a cake for a 94-year young parishioner.

Everyone enjoyed hearing the work the Anglican Catholic Church is doing in India, South Africa and South America. The Archbishop's report of progress toward full communion between the Anglican Catholic Church and three other traditional Anglican jurisdictions was encouraging. Appreciated by all was the Archbishop's engaging personality and openness. Below are a few photos of the event...



**SEASONS OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

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- ADVENT
- PENTECOST
- PASSIONTIDE
- ASCENSIONTIDE
- CHRISTMAS
- PRE LENT
- LENT
- ROGATIONTIDE
- EASTER
- TRINITYTIDE

Locate in the grid above the Seasons of the Church Year from the Word List to the right. Words run horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backward and forward. (Solution in the next issue of *The Parish Times*)

**WHAT IS THE CHURCH YEAR...WHY SHOULD I CARE...?**

*(Ed. The following is adapted from an article by Father John Altberg that appeared in the Advent 2014 Edition of The Parish Times. Now that we have entered the second half of the Church Year...let's meditate on what Father Altberg had to say.)*



Advent and Triumph of Christ – Hans Memling c1480

What is the Church Year...why should I care...? At first, that might seem a brash question...actually it's quite reasonable...though not often enough considered.

Taking a lead from [www.fisheaters.com](http://www.fisheaters.com), pagan religions see time as an endless cycle. By contrast the Judeo-Christian discipline – orthodox Catholic practice, sees time in progressive terms...it has a beginning and will have an end. Within the annual cycle of the Church Year we experience annual meditations on the life and death of Jesus and all the saints and where we fit into the picture.

Think of a spiral – a circle within time moving ever forward from the prophecies and Annunciation of the birth of Jesus to His Coming again – thereby we are living the Church Year to derive a real sense of time and its accompanying urgency.

A concluding perspective...as a antidote to chaos, the Liturgical Cycle, the Church Year, evolved over 2000 years integrating religious, cultural, solar and lunar cycles to teach orderly access to God's revelation of life.

For some expanded thoughts on the foregoing topic, How the Kalendar Teaches the Faith...pp B21-25 in *The People's Anglican Missal...* is recommended reading.

Much has been accomplished (in the first half of the Church Year)...and much as always remains (to be accomplished in the second half of the Church Year).

We, by definition of who we are, accept that challenge to be part of the Communion of Saints...and the commitment to reach out and embrace those whom we do not yet know...we invite them to join us.



*A PRAYER FOR PARISH GROWTH*

*O GOD, WHO KNOWEST THE NEED OF ALL THY CREATURES, AND DOST BESTOW THE FAVOUR OF THY GRACE ALIKE UPON THE HUMBLE AND THE GREAT; BE WITH US IN ALL OUR ENDEAVORS DEVOTED TO THY SERVICE, AND GRANT US, WE BESEECH THEE, SUCH INCREASE OF NUMBERS AND OF MEANS AS WILL SECURE THIS HOUSE OF PRAYER TO THE WORSHIP AND GLORY OF THY SON, OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, WHO LIVETH AND REIGNETH WITH THEE AND THE HOLY GHOST, ONE GOD, WORLD WITHOUT END.*

AMEN.

## CALL PRIMROSE...

During the Month of June we will be collecting paper towels, toilet tissue, paper napkins and paper plates. Please bring your contributions to Mass on Sunday and we will deliver them to CALL.



CALL also has a "Wish List" of items they always need in addition to our monthly collections. Please feel free to bring any of the following items at any time:

- Canned Chili
- Canned Pasta w/Meat
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Soy Milk
- Travel Size Shampoo/Conditioner
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste

## SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS – 9:00 AM SUNG MASS & SERMON  
COFFEE HOUR & DISCUSSION GROUP

WEEKDAYS AS ANNOUNCED

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE BY APPOINTMENT

THE REVEREND FATHER CRAIG LOONEY, RECTOR

*THE CONTINUATION OF ANGLICANISM We affirm that the Church of our fathers, sustained by the most Holy Trinity, lives yet...are determined to continue in the Catholic Faith, Apostolic Order, Orthodox Worship and Evangelical Witness of the traditional Anglican Church.*



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